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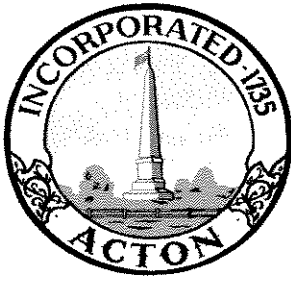
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**INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION**

**To:** Planning Board **Date:** December 7, 2007  
**From:** Kristin K. Alexander, AICP, Assistant Planner *KKA*  
**Subject:** **BFRT support letter needed – Enhancement Application for 100% Design**

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Attached is a Bruce Freeman Rail Trail support letter for the Planning Board's signature. The letter would be used in an enhancement application that seeks funding for the 100% design of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail. We also asked and received support letters from the Board of Selectmen, Community Preservation Committee, Conservation Commission, Transportation Advisory Committee, Recreation Commission, and local community organizations. If you have any questions, please ask. Thank you.



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Transportation Enhancement Steering Committee  
c/o Transportation Enhancement Program Coordinator  
Massachusetts Highway Department  
Bureau of Transportation Planning & Development  
10 Park Plaza, Room 4150  
Boston, MA 02116

RE: Bruce Freeman Rail Trail

Dear Committee Members:

The Acton Planning Board is writing to convey its continued support of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (BFRT). Since the early 1990s, the Planning Board has been advocating for rail trails to connect people's homes to places of business, recreational activities, open space, historic and cultural sites, and public transportation. Due to the BFRT's location along Route 2A/119 and Route 27, the Nashoba Brook and the Nashoba Brook Conservation Area in Acton, it could reduce vehicular traffic on roadways during weekdays and increase tourism dollars on weekends. When completed, the 25-mile long BFRT will provide pedestrian and bicycle connections for Acton residents as well as for residents and visitors from seven communities, making it a significant regional multi-purpose trail.

We strongly recommend that the Transportation Enhancement Steering Committee support the enhancement application that seeks funding for the 100% design of the BFRT. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Greg Niemyski, Chairman  
Acton Planning Board

cc: Acton Board of Selectmen  
Roland Bartl, Planning Director